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**"THERE ARE MANY THINGS** that attack the vitality of the body" said President David O. McKay at one time.

"We expose ourselves to disease; it gets into an organ that is somewhat impaired; then the ravages of disease weaken that and impair other organs, the result being that the body succumbs to attack.

"Only the other day, a brother and I were called to administer to a woman, a mother. Two weeks ago she was healthy and strong, a beautiful young woman. She exposed herself—not needlessly, either—by going to a place where the water was impregnated with typhoid germs. Those germs entered her system and attacked the organs of her body. One organ after another became impaired and deranged, and when we reached her bedside, we found that she was literally poisoned by the ravages of that disease.

"If you had heard her husband's prayer as he knelt by the bedside, pleading with God to abate that fever, to restore his wife to him and to the two little children, your hearts would have been touched as ours were, and your faith would have been exercised, as ours was, that she might be restored, the ravages of the disease be counteracted, that she might again enjoy good health and strength.

**"BODILY AILMENTS DEPRIVE** us of the full exercise of our faculties and privileges and sometimes of life itself. It is necessary, therefore, to take care of the body. But, great as is the peril of physical decay, greater, far greater, is the peril of spiritual decay.

"The peril of this century is spiritual apathy. As the body requires the sunlight, good food, proper exercise, and rest, so the spirit of man requires the sunlight of the Holy Spirit; proper exercise of the spiritual functions; avoiding of evils that affect health, which are more ravaging in their effects than typhoid fever, pneumonia, or other diseases that attack the body.

"These diseases may stop the manifestations of life in the body, but the spirit still lives. When disease of the spirit conquers, the life dies. Such

an extreme spiritual disease would, of necessity, be an unpardonable sin.

**"WHEN MEN GET SPIRITUALLY** sick, they do not care much for religion. They think it is not necessary for them to attend to their spiritual wants. Dissatisfied with themselves, they find fault with those who do enjoy the true life of spirituality. Why? Because they don't know what real spiritual life it. Their bodies are succumbing to the diseases that are attacking the spirit.

"How? Why, in many ways. Those boys who sat in the rear room of a saloon, playing cards for hours, drinking whiskey or beer, profaning the name of God—invited into their souls a malady that is more fatal than typhoid fever or any other disease that can attack the body. Their spiritual life was being deranged; it is deranged.

"Though the mothers did not detect, when their boys came home that night, just how deeply imbedded were the germs of that spiritual disease, the germs were there, and those boys' spirits were poisoned. This condition keeps them from Sabbath School the next Sunday; it keeps them from their quorum meetings during the week; it keeps them from the Mutual Improvement Association; they have not the life, the moral strength to go to these places for spiritual sunlight and the healthful exercise of the spirit.

**"THE MAN WHO HATES HIS** brother, and kneels down for prayer with that hate in his heart, has in his spirit a disease that will impair his spiritual life. The man who cheats his neighbour—I care not whether anybody knows it or not, he knows it (remember it is real growth we are speaking of)—the man who takes advantage of a brother is weakening his spirituality. He cannot enjoy true growth in this Church, so long as he harbours that dishonest sentiment.

"The man who steals is inviting into his soul that which will prevent him from growing to the perfect stature of Christ. The man who fails in any way to live up to that which God and conscience tell him is right is weakening his spirituality—in other words, is depriving himself of the sunlight in which his spiritual nature will grow."



### A NEW ERA

**T**HE Improvement Era with 61 successful years in its past, looks to the future.

The "new look" November issue, which will be delivered to 150,000 readers around the globe in 61 foreign countries, will display several new features. Subsequent issues will bring additional ones.

Covers under the new "face lifting" programme will be reproduced in six full-colours bringing into LDS homes masterpieces of religious art.

A masterpiece of art and verse to come soon will be the "Presidents of the Church issue" with reproductions in full colour of the latest paintings of all the presidents of the Church. Another

will be Famous Cody murals in rich colour by Artist Edward Grigware.

### JAPANESE CONFERENCE

**I**N October 108 Latter-day Saint men converged upon Oiso, Japan, near Yokohama to set a new record for attendance at the Kapaun Religious Retreat House. The house has a normal capacity of 55 men, which made it necessary for hallways and assembly halls to be converted into bedrooms.

In order to furnish facilities for the LDS soldiers, it was necessary to visit Japanese hotels in the area and borrow *futon* (Japanese floor-type beds) to scatter around the floor. Crowded, but happy, the servicemen spent three days discussing the Priesthood and their responsibility as holders of it.

The group were told of a planned visit by Elder Ezra Taft Benson, of the Council of Twelve, and U.S.A. secretary of agriculture, late in October.

### LONG WINTER NAP

**T**WELVE thousand geraniums were put to bed on Temple Square this week. The plants were cut, roots dusted, trimmed and placed side by side in large sand tables in the green house on Temple Square for the winter.

Long preparation goes into the flower display for the Temple grounds. Nearly 20,000 tulips, most of them new and direct from Holland, are used each year. At present 40,000 pansies from Switzerland, Denmark and Sweden are "coming along fine" for use next spring.

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Some of the temples of the Church. Top row: Canadian and Idaho Falls. Middle: Salt Lake City. Bottom: Manti and Logan.

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## **The Lord's Tenth:**

# **THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN WILL OPEN**

by President Glen G. Fisher

**T**HE year is drawing to a close. We would do well to take an inventory of the months past and determine whether or not we have accomplished all that we had hoped to do.

It is easy to procrastinate. Time has a way of passing by, leaving a lot of unfinished business. "*It is too late*" is a far too common expression. Unless we frequently check on ourselves, we will find that many important things have been left undone.

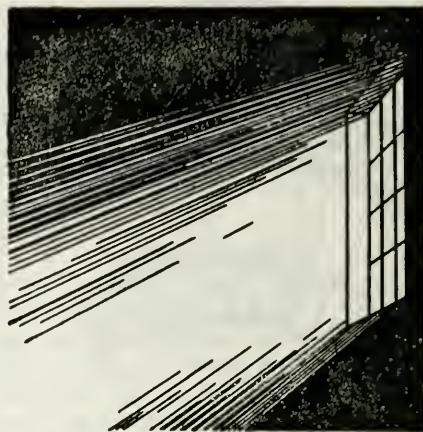
May I suggest to members of the Church throughout our mission that as you make this inventory, you give serious consideration to the "Law of Tithing". This law, though temporal in nature, has great spiritual application, and the importance of living this commandment of the Lord cannot be over-emphasized. We cannot afford to forfeit the blessings which come through the payment of our tithes.

Perhaps there are some who wonder why the Lord has asked us to tithe and just what are the blessings He promises.

First of all, let us examine the purpose of tithing . . . What happens to our donations to the Church? The answer is . . . *Tithes collected are used to establish and build up the Kingdom of God here upon the Earth.* Could there possibly be a more important thing in the world today than establishing the Kingdom so that the King of all the world might come to rule and reign in accordance with the Holy Scriptures? What a wonderful thing to contemplate; that we have the opportunity of investing a part of our personal earnings in this great enterprise.

We talk a good deal about stocks and bonds and investments for our future welfare. I wonder if it is not more important that we have some interest in the Kingdom of God. Only those who have willingly given of their tithes can know of the joy that comes through seeing this Kingdom grow and expand in the world. This is particularly true in relation to missionary work and the building of temples. Some have wondered about the business investments of the Church, but we have been told that the Church could not operate longer than fifteen days without the tithes of its members.

In addition to tithing as an investment, there is also another consideration, and that is, the great spiritual benefits we receive. I am sure a



man cannot consistently take from his hard earnings a tenth and give it to the Lord without something happening to himself. The Lord knew the value of this law in building character and developing fine attributes and virtues in our lives. What a great test of faith it is; and too, what inward joy and satisfaction comes to those who make this sacrifice.

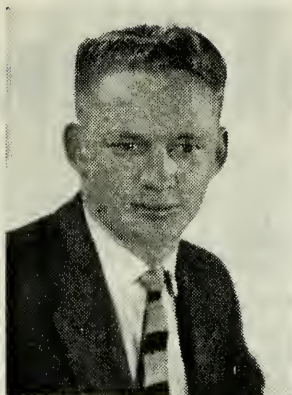
Let us examine briefly some of these attributes and virtues spoken of above. First and foremost is the virtue of giving or dividing for the welfare of others. Selfishness and greed are weeded from our nature through the simple act of taking from that which we have earned and turning it over to the Church. Because we have very little, if any, to say in the spending of our tithes, we automatically develop faith and confidence in those who have been called by the Lord to preside over us.

The second virtue of importance is devotion. No man can consistently support a cause through the very tangible means of the tithe without developing great devotion and love for that cause.

Surely this law is, in very deed, the fulfillment of the master's admonition and promise in the "Sermon of the Mount"; ". . . but seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33)

The third and last virtue I wish to mention is honesty. I think we can do no better than give you the words of the Prophet Malachi. They are uncompromising but to those who are faithful, a wonderful promise is held out . . . "Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say. Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse; for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring all the tithes

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By  
ELDER  
GRANT FISHER

thoroughly confused with the ideas of the created that they can hardly be recognised. Several men, through their God-given gift of reason and intelligence, find many of the truths that have been granted for our advancements. Some base their faith entirely upon the understanding of men and, as our Saviour described, follow the blind into the ditch.

Perhaps the group to be most pitied are those people who just don't care; those who listen and don't hear; who look and don't see; who know the truth and don't follow it. Such ones die a horrible death, realising those things they knew and didn't do and understanding what could have been theirs if they had tried.

There are many who hold the truth upon this earth. Some will realise the incomparable joy

## AN ETERNAL QUEST

**A**MONGST the epic struggles of nature is a struggle more real and true than those of desperate fowl or beast.

On God's earth he has placed men . . . beings greatly superior to the beasts. Each of these men conducts a personal struggle. To some it is a life-long battle, never ended. To others the battle is never begun.

Some start this quest surrounded by human weakness and evil. Others prepare for it under the sheltering wings of loving parents. A few are left as orphans, to search alone. But each must find the single path.

Some search the shallow things and never really understand their Father's works. They look for gods in every force exerted by nature. They seek one god to cause the moisture to percipitate, and another to distill it back into the heavens. They seek a god to cause the wind and to arouse other unseen elements of nature. But in their search they overlook the all-powerful hand of a living and kind Father, who through the forces of nature, regulates every element of the earth. And though they satisfy an inborn instinct to worship, they face their last breath with no knowledge of what lies in store. Like the animals, they die in dreadful fear, stricken by the pangs of terror and the dreadful weight of ignorance.

There are other people who see in every tree and flower the power of an eternal being, and recognise the acts and will of God. But they only touch the surface of things prepared for those who search. Some find a camouflaged segment of truth scattered through the doctrines of men. Many try to base their beliefs on the words of our Creator, but get them so

of knowing and following it. Some will enjoy it from youth; some will find it in the prime of life, while others will discover it only during their closing years. But all these will die in happiness, realising the blessings that await them. They remorse a little, perhaps, because they could have done better. But they know, because they lived what they had found to be true, that they will continue to advance and progress forever.

There are many, so many, that fall into none of these groups. They are those who tend to over-emphasize their own intelligence; who place themselves above their Maker and suppose that through their own knowledge they can understand all things. Anything they cannot understand or explain they say is not. Thus, they deny the existence of God. Instead of recognising our Father's hand in all, these scholars try to place everything in the realms of chance. Such people die as they began, with everything blank. They believed in nothing but their own wisdom, which turns to nothing in the presence of death.

So some have gained, and some have lost through their earthly experience. But all have struggled a struggle that is so common, yet so peculiar; so near the same, yet so different to each separate human being.

Some have a goal; some haven't; some never tried; some lost sight of their goal; some tried to avoid the struggle by burying it with liquor and drugs. But millions have fought the fight and millions will continue to fight. Fight and struggle they will, to find a path which God has clearly marked for those who humbly seek the truth.

## The Book of Mormon

# OUR TRADEMARK

By ELDER DOUGLAS HARTLEY

**A** LOOK into the modern world will reveal countless products which are distinguished by trademarks. You learn to associate many things by a name, or symbol, or sign. For example, *Atlantic*, means petrol; *Aspro*, means headache remedy; and *C.N.A.* means a bookshop.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints also has a trademark. We are known as the "Mormons" because of one of our sacred books. . . *the Book of Mormon* . . . which distinguishes us in the world. I feel we should be very proud that we have something to set us apart from other churches. This mark has only one disadvantage. There are a lot of people who have associated the wrong things with the word "Mormon". This is an obstacle which we must overcome in order to interest people in the gospel. All companies have had to overcome obstacles in selling their products. The best way to do it is to prove their product. The Rolls-Royce did not become a highly favoured car over-night. First its value had to be proved. This is the way we can overcome prejudice. We have to show the world what the Book of Mormon is.

The Book of Mormon is a good missionary. It always was and always will be. In fact, it is the best in all the mission fields. A man once joked, "If the Church was not true the missionaries would have ruined it a long time ago." This seems to be true, but the Book of Mormon, as a missionary, seems never to have failed.

In the early days of the Church this book played a great part in converting many of the important leaders. Many of you have read the story of the first missionary journey of Samuel H. Smith. He left a Book of Mormon with John P. Green, a minister of the Methodist faith, who read it at the insistence of his wife and became an early convert of the Church. The book was passed on to relatives. Among these were the families of Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball.

The Book of Mormon has also done a lot of good in recent years. During the few months of my mission I have seen people who were converted by this ancient record. Many mem-

bers should think back and remember the part it played in their conversion.

*What part does the "Stick of Joseph" play in missionary work?* We, as ambassadors of the Lord, are to preach "Jesus Christ and him crucified". The book stands as a second witness that Jesus is the Christ, the Redeemer of the world. The prophets who wrote in it have given many prophecies about our Lord's birth and life upon this earth. Many signs were given as to the fulfillment of these prophecies. In fulfillment of the statement made by the Saviour, as recorded in John 10:14-16, Christ visited his other sheep on the American continent and we have it recorded for us in this amazing record, from which the Church receives distinction.

*Who is the Book of Mormon for?* It is to go forth to every nation, kindred, tongue and people. It is for everyone to read . . . gentile, Jew and the Children of Isreal.

*Where will it do the most good?* This question is easy to answer. Since missionaries try to get out of much work as possible, and since a Book of Mormon can be a little heavy at the end of the day, we try to get it into the homes as soon as possible. If it is in a home, someone may take time to sit down and read a few pages. Who will know the results?

*How are we going to get it into people's homes?* We, as missionaries, know just how hard it can be to sell this book. But this is our job:

1. Know something about the book; its origin and contents.

2. Be positive. Assume that people are interested and will buy. If we waver in our presentation, they will waver in their decision to read it.

3. Keep the explanation interesting. Know enough to be able to present fresh and interesting facts and ideas.

4. Do not over-sell. Long speeches are usually dry. Once you have their interest, sell them the book.

5. Be sure to bear a firm testimony, with humility and sincerity. Let them know that the Book of Mormon is true.

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# FROM RELIEF SOCIETY

## SPIRITUALITY

by

Sister Jeanne Charsley, Luanshya



## ACTIVITY

by

Sister W. N. C. Harvey, Pretoria

**S**PIRITUAL development is one of the most desirable activities to strive for in this life. When the Lord inspired the Prophet Joseph Smith to organize the Relief Society he gave many of his busy daughters a chance to grow spiritually through this work.

Temporal things are easier for people to understand than spiritual things. In Relief Society work we use temporal things in doing the Lord's will. Thus, working on the principle of proceeding from "the known to the unknown," we gain spiritual rewards.

Earthly existence is a test of us, to see whether we will strive for the temporary enjoyment of pleasure and ease, or the lasting ideals of the gospel. Perhaps the most lasting ideal of life is to live for something higher than self.

So many women are inclined to concentrate on the physical and social welfare of themselves and their families that their lives tend to become unbalanced. Active Relief Society members can have a completely balanced schedule.

Time is spent on learning the best ways of preparing food, home economics and beautifying the home. Minds are improved and uplifted by the poetical beauty of good literature. A knowledge of things spiritual is gained through theological study. Giving up time which could be spent on wasted pleasure, for work on Relief Society projects builds spirituality; and spirituality impels one to conquer difficulties and acquire more and more strength.

President David O. McKay has said: "The spiritual life is the true life of man. It is what distinguishes him from the beasts of the forests. It lifts him above the physical, yet he is still susceptible to all the natural contributions that life can give him that are needful

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**I** JOINED the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day saints in 1935 and began attending my meetings. However, I never really became aware of what Relief Society could mean in my life until I became an active member of it in 1944. I lived a great distance from the Church and often found it difficult to attend. When Relief Society was held during the daytime it was very convenient, and I soon found myself in the throes of Relief Society activity . . . and what happy activity it is.

The Lord soon showed me that a way will always be shown if one strives to do the will of our Father in Heaven. If I have desired, I have never found it difficult to attend any Church or auxiliary meetings.

Relief Society means a great deal to a mother. The classes cover subjects of interest to the whole family . . . theology, house-keeping, literature, social science . . . and many other subjects helpful in rearing a family. In Relief Society a mother can discuss the different aspects of raising a family with a group of women who share her ideals and aspirations.

Testimony and theology meeting is the highlight of the Relief Society. Each sister is strengthened by bearing her testimony, and hearing others bear theirs. Thereby, each mother can gain renewed strength and courage to continue her important work of raising children of the Lord.

In work meeting the sisters are shown that all the arts of homemaking can be beautiful and interesting . . . as well as necessary. It is a real achievement to be able to make everyday tasks something we are proud of and able to enjoy.

Spirituality can be found in anything beautiful. Our Church teaches, "If there is anything virtuous, lovely, or of good report or

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"... men are that they might have joy." Thus spake a prophet many years ago as he pointed out the purposes of our Father in Heaven to the people of the world.

In the many years that men have lived on earth they have discovered that the greatest joy men can achieve, comes in loving association with other people. Hence, a Church was organized by the Lord that men, and women, might have joy.

To illustrate the blessings of Church activity and unity we are printing four articles, written by the young members of a class of the Mutual Improvement Association in the Mowbray Branch. Under the leadership of Sister Renee Hubert, their teacher, these four young girls discovered a great source of happiness.

Their life's problems arose from the difficult procedure of growing up. The solution to their problems was found in a cooperative effort to understand them, and experienced leadership to help overcome them.

This example is one of many. We suggest that every member of the Church learn the principle that is illustrated by such examples. In association with our fellow Saints comes the greatest security and purest joy.

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#### DOROTHY STEEN-NIELSSEN

OUR symbol is the rose, and through two years of study in the MIA we have learned all about teen-age problems, and how teen-agers should properly react to certain incidences. We all have a desire to be beautiful ... not in the sense of physical beauty, but spiritually lovely. We want to be liked by our fellow men, to be a help and an inspiration to everyone with whom we come in contact. Each day we strive to further build a beautiful personality by thinking more of others than ourselves. We are taught to be charitable, to help



The MIA Maids of the Mowbray Branch, Left to right; Joyce van Schalkwyk, Jeanette Osborne, Dorothy Steen-Nielssen and Marein Goosen.



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others and not to expect reward for our kind acts.

In our class we are encouraged to keep a book on our lives and the lives of our ancestors, which one day will be of great significance to our children and grand children. This book is called "The Treasures of Truth". There are five different sections outlined in this book: 1. My Story. 2. My Kin. 3. My Friends. 4. My Hobbies. 5. Sacred to Me. This book is continued during future classes in the MIA.

Earlier this year our class held the first "Rose Prom" in the South African Mission. With the help of four Cumorah boys we produced a floor show for this occasion. It was a grand success.

To help in our class studies we ordered films from the U.S.A. and so far, have shown one of these films in a class fireside. The films are on improving your personality, dating, date etiquette, and other important subjects. The money for these films was earned at the "Rose Prom".

During the year we also held a mother-and-daughter "get-together", in which we demonstrated the little things which we had been taught. It was a great success and the mothers thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Well, from this description, I'm sure you can guess who we are. Yes, we've the MIA Maid class. Through activity we have gained an important place in the MIA organisation. We hope that the Beehive class which follows us will enjoy the class as well as we have.

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#### MAREIN GOOSEN

IT has been great fun being a MIA Maid for the past two years. Our class has enjoyed dances, watermelon feasts, parties and picnics

# ng and Together

together. As I am rather shy, these activities have helped me to gain self-confidence.

Our lessons have covered so many important topics that it has been impossible to find them boring. They have mostly dealt with improvement of ourselves, socially and culturally. We have learned a lot about etiquette and dating.

One of the most pleasant assignments I have had as a MIA Maid has been to write my own life story. I have gained an interest in my ancestors, and have spent many happy hours looking at my parents' snapshots and listening to their stories about their parents and grandparents.

Our teacher has always tried to assist us in developing an appreciation for beauty . . . not to take it for granted. We have learned of the beauty of nature, the wonder of life and the grace of our heavenly Father in all of these things.

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## JEANETTE OSBORNE

**T**OO often, when people think of the Mutual Improvement Association, they forget about the younger and smaller groups, such as the MIA Maids.

Our class noticed this, so we put our heads together and decided to do something about it.

Well, our first step towards "gaining our independence" was to stage a "Rose Prom . . . the first one held in the South African Mission. This prom is a very special yearly semi-formal dance held for the MIA Maids. Because our class is so small we had to invite several older members of the branch to join us.

At this dance each of the MIA Maids wore black and white skirts with roses around the border (the rose is our symbol).

Later on, during the year, we put on a "Bop

Hop". It was very successful and several visitors attended.

With the funds raised from these dances we were going to rent some films from America, dealing with our study course for this year. However, the mission decided to pay for the film, so we have put the funds away to use for other functions.

One of these functions was our "Heritage Evening". One Mutual evening we invited our mothers to our class and had them tell us several of their childhood experiences.

Another of our "get-togethers" was a fireside. We saw a film concerning "Personality" and heard a lovely talk by the mission president's wife.

Since we have started putting on these functions I have noticed that the MIA Maids are gaining a prominent position if the MIA programme of our branch. I'm sure that if other girls of the MIA Maid age in other branches will gain a deeper interest in the Mutual programme they will have a good time, as well as establishing themselves as an important part of their branch organisation.

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## JOYCE VAN SCHALKWYK

**I** am very happy and proud to be a MIA Maid. In the past we never did much in MIA. But this year, under the direction of an enthusiastic teacher, we have started getting somewhere. As well as our study course we have held several outstanding activities.

Our first on the programme for the year was the "Rose Prom". Under the direction of Sister Paxman we did a floor-show, dressed as Spanish dancers. Our hall was beautifully decorated with colourful roses. We had a big gathering and the evening was a great success.

In June we held a "Bop Hop" to which we invited all our friends. Admission was charged and the money raised is for films which were ordered from America.

The first of these films was shown at a fireside held in our teacher's home one evening after sacrament meeting. A big crowd turned out and enjoyed the film on "Personality" and the talk given by Sister Fisher. Refreshments were served.

We are planning soon to put a play concerning the "rights and wrongs of dating."

With the encouragement of my teacher I have started my "Treasures of Truth" book. We showed this to our parents at an "evening at home". Our parents told us of their youth, Pictures were taken of us with our mothers.

It has been a wonderful year, full of activity and happiness.

## LORD'S TENTH

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into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sake, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruits before the time in the field, saith the Lord of Hosts." (Malachi 3:8-11)

My personal testimony is that tithing is one of the great commandments of the Lord. We all need the blessings that come through obedience to this law. None of us can afford not to tithe. To members throughout the mission who so faithfully write us each month enclosing their offerings and to all who are obedient to this law, we congratulate you and it is our sincere prayer that God will reward you abundantly according to his promise.

## TRADEMARK

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Fellow servants, let us try to put the Book of Mormon into as many homes as possible, so that perhaps some day the members of that household may receive the blessings of the light of the scripture and the glorious gospel of the Lord.

## RELIEF SOCIETY

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for his happiness or contributive to his advancement. 'Though in the world, not of the world.'

A spiritual impetus is gained by Relief Society Sisters working in the capacity of visiting teachers. Blessings also come from visiting the sick, and unselfish service rendered to the poor and helpless.

The Lord has stated, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

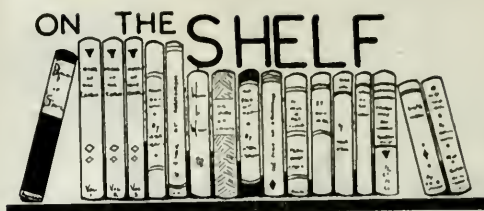
"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

"For the Son of Man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." (Mathew 16:24-27).

Soul development results from complete control of selfish desires and passions.

Leading, directing, teaching and serving in



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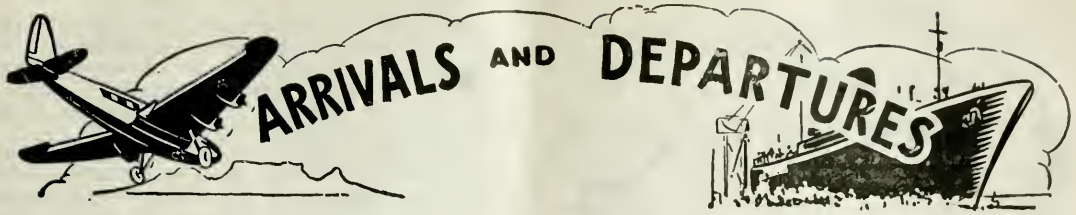
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IS FULL!

family and community, the Relief Society sisters grow spiritually. It might be said, by adding to our motto: "Charity Never Faileth . . . to develop spiritually."

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praiseworthy, we seek after these things." This is truly applicable to our literature class.

Our social science lesson concerns everyday life in the world, and gives us an insight into the lives of people in various nations. We are thus better able to understand and discuss every day affairs and problems with our children. At present we are studying about wonderful example of latter-day saint family life. I find that these lessons, which deal with the family life of early pioneer families, can give helpful parallels to help in our modern day problems.

One of the greatest blessings of Relief Society is the association with other mothers, and the sympathy, understanding and encouragement that I encounter in each of these sisters. I consider it a choice blessing from my Father in heaven that I am able to attend Relief Society.



## ARRIVALS

*Elder John C. Scheltema* of the Mowbray Branch was set apart as a missionary on September 15. Elder Scheltema is originally from the Bloemfontein Branch. He was first assigned to labour with Elder G. D. Dudley in Cape Town.

*Sister Joan Clara McArthur*, of Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, and *Sister Arlene Joyce Wilkenson* of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, arrived in Cape Town on September 30 aboard the Bloemfontein Castle. These sisters will begin their mission labours in Cape Town. Sister McArthur was assigned as the companion of Sister Jean McGill, and Sister Wilkenson began work in the mission office as a companion to Sister Kriste Miller.

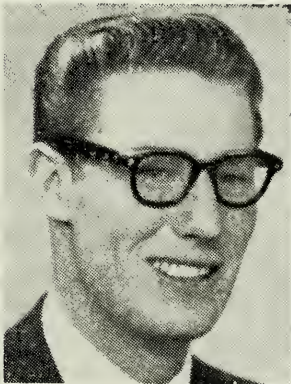
*Elder Robert Milne* of the Bloemfontein Branch was set apart as a missionary to his homeland on October 16. Elder Milne's first assignment was to work as the companion of Elder G. D. Dudley in Cape Town.

## APPOINTMENTS

*Elder E. D. LeBaron* of Lethbridge, Alberta, was appointed district president of the Natal District on October 10. Elder LeBaron had laboured previously at the mission office as mission secretary.

*Elder D. C. Butler* was appointed supervising elder of the West Rand District on October 12. He had previously been district president of the Natal District.

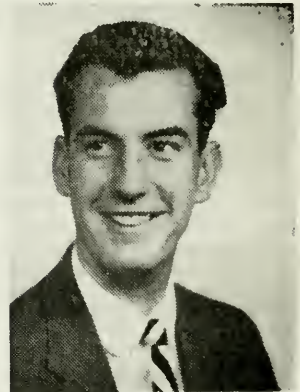
## DEPARTURES



**ELDER K. M. SMITH**



**ELDER K. L. HADFIELD**



**ELDER H. D. BOUCHER**

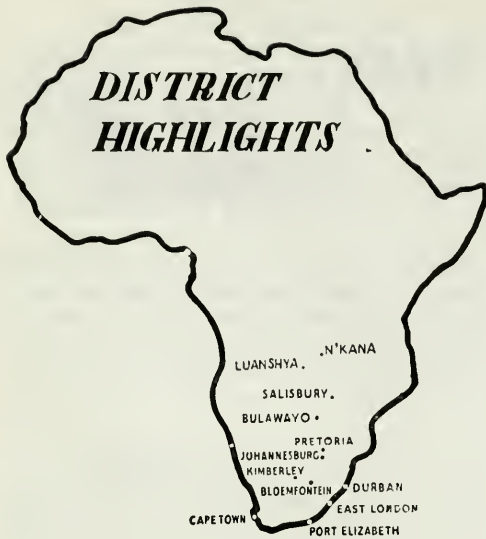
**T**HREE missionaries sailed from Durban on November 8 aboard the "Africa". *Elder K. L. Hadfield*, of Whiskey Gap, Alberta, had served, during his mission, in the East Rand, Bulawayo and West Rand. During the last few months of this mission he worked as second counsellor to the mission president.

*Elder K. M. Smith* of Cardston, Alberta, has worked in the East Rand, Salisbury, and Durban districts. He was supervising elder of the

West Rand District at the close of his mission.

*Elder H. D. Boucher* of Toronto, Ontario, laboured in West Rand, East Rand, Welkom and Cape Town districts. He was branch president in Bulawayo when he was released.

These missionaries will travel home via the East Coast route, and will spend several days in Europe before they embark from Southampton.



### MOWBRAY BRANCH

**Meetings:** "Cumorah," Main and Grove Roads, Mowbray.

**Branch President:** Alwin Hubert; phone 45275.  
**Branch Reporter:** Beatrice E. Smith.

Priesthood members and Relief Society Sisters worked late into the nights of the first week in October preparing for the Annual Relief Society Bazaar. Work was completed on Friday night, and the fruits of a hard years work was laid onto the stalls . . . needlework, baking, produce, and many other things.

The day of the bazaar, October 5, was wet and stormy but it did not stop the flow of customers.

A stall that caused a great stir was the lovely toy stall prepared by Sister Rosaline van Schalkwyk. Toys and dolls of all description were arranged on the table.

We thank John Hastie for the puppet-shows that attracted our young people.

The highlight of the bazaar was the popular fancy dress parade. Some very original and beautiful costumes were produced, including a pint-sized clown, Dan Cupid, a coon from the carnival, a sailor, a belle of the 1920's and a schoolgirl from Little Rock, Arkansas. Each costume was a winner, and the judges had a difficult decision. The children who participated were all treated to ice-cream by Mr. Dyason.

As usual a booming business was done by the hamburger and ice-cream stalls. And among the busier items of the bazaar was the lunch room where hot turkey, roast lamb, and other tempting dishes were served.

For those no too tired there was a session of dancing in the evening.

Everyone agrees . . . the bazaar was a great success.

Congratulations go to Brother Sidney Newton who was 21 on October 7. Sister Diana Hodges also came of age during the month, and Alamein Butt (still a teen-ager) celebrated his birthday.

The MIA conducted the evening service on October 13. The programme centred around

the early prophets of these latter days.

We have had visitors from Johannesburg, including Brother and Sister Ivan Muir, on their honeymoon, and Brother and Sister Fountain. It was also nice to meet Brother Bill Thomas of Birmingham, England. He is a member of the Royal Navy, stationed in Simonstown.

A pleasant evening was held by the Genealogical Society on October 18. Demonstrations were given on the use of group and family sheets. President Fisher showed a film of the Los Angeles Temple, and refreshments were served.

Sister Joan Jefferies spent a short time in hospital, but is up and quite well again. Sister Renee Hubert had an emergency operation for appendicitis, and is presently recuperating.

### WELKOM BRANCH

**Meetings:** Masonic Hall, Stateway.

**Branch President:** Elder K. G. Wood.

**Branch Reporter:** Hugh D. Campbell.

Our first branch conference was held on October 13. As visitor we had Elder K. L. Hadfield and Elder C. T. Asplund from the mission office. These elders talked to us as well as Brother A. Robinson, who represented the branch presidency.

Reports were given by Brother H. D. Parkin, Sunday School Superintendent; Brother Beldon, branch building fund; and Sister Naomi Beldon of Genealogical Society.

We had the Milne family, with Elder Naude and Elder Beazer from Bloemfontein, join the saints at Welkom on a picnic and braaivleis. A good time was enjoyed by all present.

Brother and Sister H. D. Campbell and their children have returned from their annual leave in Durban.

We are very pleased to see Sister Naomi Beldon looking so well after her recent operation. She is as active as before.

Sister Joyce Parkin is on the sick list and we pray that she might soon recover.

We had a nice visit from Brother and Sister Gordon Dell and Anthony from Johannesburg for a few days.

### SPRINGS BRANCH

**Meetings:** 23 Eleventh Street, Springs.

**Branch President:** H. deC Hugo; phone 56-5098.

**Branch Reporter:** N. C. van Niekerk.

Branch President Hugo is well on the road to recovery after his recent operation.

Mrs. Cathy Hugo recently sponsored a very successful progressive dinner to obtain funds for our organ project.

The fireside chat held after sacrament service on October 6 was of an educational nature, and was very well attended.

Brother John Henry Harris was ordained an elder at district conference on October 13. No meeting was held in the Spring Branch so that everyone could attend the conference at the Johannesburg chapel.

On Saturday, October 19 several of the branch members attended a district sports tournament held at Ramah. Congratulations go to Sister Jill Armstrong who won the ladies badminton honours.

We are happy to welcome Brother Lionel Tyler into the branch after his recent baptism. The Tyler's infant son was blessed at the testimony meeting and given the name of Mark Rayston.

The branch offers its congratulations to Sister Sarita Stemmert, a former member of this Branch, who was married to Mr. Bertie Groenewald at Klerksdorp on October 12 by Brother Norman G. Muir.

District President I. C. Louw, his counsellor, Brother Danie Paterson and Sister Mavis Louw, paid us an official visit on October 20. Elder Salmon, the supervising elder, also paid us a visit. These brethren addressed our service. A number of visitors from Primrose and Benoni attended the meeting.

After sacrament service on October 20 the MIA called a general meeting and decided to hold MIA meetings on Thursday night, as it the general practice throughout the Church.

Sister Marie van Niekerk wished to publicly thank President I. C. Louw for rushing her husband to hospital on September 23, with a with a back injury sustained at work. Brother van Niekerk is well and happy now.

The chapel looks lovely with its new coat of pastel paint.

### KRUGERSDORP BRANCH

**Meeting:** Krugersdorp Town Hall, Lecture Room.

**Branch President:** Deryck Vice; phone 660-6232.  
**Branch Reporter:** Sister M. M. Vice.

Transvaal District Conference was held at the Johannesburg chapel on October 13. It was well attended by Krugersdorp members, who found great spiritual benefit there as they met with old friends. Especially appreciated was the delicious lunch provided for travellers by the Ramah Relief Society.

Under the leadership of Brother Harry Greer our local building fund is going very well. Some of the male members, to raise building funds, have hired themselves out for gardening work, including the branch president. We advise him to watch for flying stones in future.

The Krugersdorp Relief Society is busy preparing for a Bumper Bazaar in the Town Hall on Saturday, November 9. Sister Mavis Louw, the district supervisor, recently visited our branch.

We are happy to mention that Mr. "Bert" Sawyer has recovered from a serious illness and is back at work.

Little Patsy Hamilton was attacked by a dog and bitten on the leg. Sister Fouche slipped and fell in the street and sustained a fractured rib. Despite this handicap she still attended to her organist duties and has now fully recovered.

Also on the sick list this month are Elder Bennett and Sister Hamilton. We hope they recover soon.

### LUANSHYA BRANCH

**Meetings:** 121 "F" Ave., Luanshya.

**Branch President:** Douglas Charsley.

**Branch Reporter:** Jeanne Charsley.

Several of our members have had Asiatic 'flu during the past month. Sister Aletta Terblanche is still in the throes of it. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Our congratulations go to Johann and Esias van Deventer who each won a cup in the recent Boxing Tournament. We also congratulate Douglas Charsley, Jr., who came second in his age group in the English Essay Competition for the Central African Federation.

We miss the Clarke family who are vacationing in Durban at present.

### BULAWAYO BRANCH

**Meetings:** Boy Scout Headquarters on 8th Ave., off Lobangula Street.

**Branch President:** Elder H. D. Boucher; phone 5922.

**Branch Reporter:** Elder S. G. D. Butler.

It has been a quiet month in the Bulawayo Branch, and all are well and happy.

The elders have paid several visits to Gwelo to visit Brother and Sister Provich and Mrs. Budd.

Some investigators have been visiting our meeting and we hope to swell our numbers soon.

The Relief Society Sisters are working on their project to raise money. They have planned a cake sale for this month, and report a lot of enthusiasm.

Sister Taylor left Cape Town on November 1 for England where she will stay with her son.

### PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH

**Meetings:** Oddfellows' Hall, 136 Longmarket Street (just above Chapel Street).

**Branch President:** R. M. Morrissey; phone 29040.

**Branch Reporter:** Joyce Morrissey.

The branch held another cake sale early in the month of October. It was very successful.

Sister Garthorne and Sister Schultz of the Durban Branch visited us during October. Elder Gibb and Elder Valgardson also spent a week-end up here.

Late in the month we had had a visit from District President E. D. LeBaron, and his companion Elder Harker.

The branch members are busy at present making plans to raise funds for a Christmas Tree social.

On October 10 we attended the Green and Gold Ball in Durban and had a lovely time. We are looking forward to the day when our branch can hold one.

### DURBAN BRANCH

**Meetings:** 144 Silverton Road, Durban. Phone 49369.

**Branch President:** J. M. Jakins; phone 44347.

**Branch Reporter:** Joyce Wahlburn.

The M.I.A. held their annual Gold and Green Ball on October 11. It was a grand success. The hall looked lovely, decorated on the flower theme.

The busy M.I.A. also held a cake sale this month, and presented the Sunday evening programme on the first Sunday of the month.

Congratulations go to Sister Pat Roux who is the proud mother of a new baby son.

Brother Willson, of the branch presidency, and Brother Van Rooyen have been on the sick list this month.

We have had a pleasant visit from Brother and Sister Clarke on the Luanshya Branch during October. Another Rhodesian visitor was Sister Altha van Schalkwyk from Salisbury. Sister Jenkins of the Pietermaritzburg Branch has taken up residence in Durban for a short time.

On October 3 a devastating freak storm tore through our city, and completely uprooted one of the finest trees on our chapel ground. For-

tunately for us, our only loss was the tree. Our neighbours suffered several hundred pounds damage to their roof where the tree crushed it. Workmen laboured into the night to clear the tree from the road and house.

We would like to extend our sincere sympathy to the Jakins family on the recent loss of their father and grandfather, Brother Edwin Jakins. The branch feels a personal loss, because they have great affection for this kindly gentleman who visited us regularly for many years.

#### **BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH**

**Meetings:** Red Cross Building, Alexander Avenue.

**Branch President:** S. J. Spear; phone 6819.

**Branch Reporter:** Mona Spear.

Members of the Bloemfontein Branch have kept themselves busy during the past month. On October 3 a rummage sale was held at the home of Sister Utermöhlen. At this function approximately £15 was raised.

On the evening of October 8 several of the branch members met at the home of Brother and Sister Harry Spear in order to bid farewell to Elder Robert Milne. He left on October 14 for Cape Town where he will start his mission. We wish him success in his calling.

We were happy to have with us for a short visit on October 10 and 11, Elder K. L. Hadfield and Elder C. T. Asplund from the mission office.

We greatly looked forward to our conference day on October 20. Elder Hadfield, second counsellor to the mission president, visited us again. During the morning service, the young child of Sister Utermöhlen was blessed. During the same meeting we heard talks and reports by Brother John Spear, Sister Mona Spear, Sister Valda Symonds, Brother Stan Daubney, Elder Grant Beazer and Elder Hadfield.

In the evening we heard from Sister Daubney, Brother Sid Spear, our branch president, and Elder Hadfield. We were all impressed by the words of wisdom and advice.

The theme of the conference was "peace." All of the Church authorities were sustained, and some minor changes were made in the branch. The branch presidency is still the same. Brother Stanley Daubney is Sunday School Superintendent, with Sister Symonds and Sister Mona Spear as counsellors.

Sister Milne is the new Relief Society President, with Sister Mona Spear and Sister Daubney as her counsellors. Sister Symonds is Primary Mother with Sister Mona Spear as secretary.

#### **RAMAH BRANCH**

**Meetings:** 1 Hunter Street, Highlands, Johannesburg.

**Branch President:** K. B. Chater; phone 45-5575.

**Branch Reporter:** Dorothy Hamilton.

A good crowd attended the Transvaal District Conference on Sunday, October 13. The theme was "The Family," and speakers included Sister Sheila Bibb, Brother Lionel Bibb, Sister Lillian Brummer, Brother Johann Brummer and President Fisher. Music for the morning session was supplied by the missionary quartette, Sister Olive Wallace, and the Ramah Choir.

Lunches were served at midday, and many people took advantage of the chairs and tables that were placed under the trees.

In the afternoon talks were given by Sister Theo. Cherrett, Brother Cherrett, Sister Fisher and President Fisher. Sister Christine Rautenbach of the Pretoria Branch, and Brother Gary Fisher, sang solos during the service. The Ramah Choir and the missionary quartette also sang. Mr. Peter Alexander was the organist.

The Junior Sunday School is looking very smart with the new benches. The pulpit and organ have been painted the same pastel colours as the benches.

The branch has acquired 50 new hymn books, so the old ones have been donated to the Junior Sunday School.

We wish to congratulate Ralene and Ivan Muir on their recent marriage and wish them all the blessings for the future.

The M.I.A. put on an excellent "Meet Me At Mutual" programme on October 8. The evening ended with square dancing.

The Relief Society had their "at home" on October 10. Husbands and boy friends were made welcome. It was a lovely social evening with games, dances and refreshments. Sister Nola and Birdie Matthews arranged a musical quiz, and Brother Tex Smith presented a short skit.

The M.I.A. arranged an excellent Sunday evening programme on October 6. The theme was based on "Jesus the Christ," by James E. Talmage. Speakers included Dick Nelson, Dorothy Hamilton and Gordon Dell. Hilda Wallace sang "A Stranger in Galilee." Sister Nola Matthews, Sister Yvonne Ninow, Elder Thomas and Elder Whitehead formed a lovely quartette and sang a selection.

Badminton is being played every Friday night in the branch recreation hall. We hope to have a tennis court by the end of the year.

Three burglars visited Ramah recently, by breaking through a window. Several items were taken. Special precautions are now being taken to prevent any such event in the future.

The chapel grounds are gradually taking shape, and a new fence has been completed on the back and sides.

#### **PRETORIA BRANCH**

**Meetings:** Sanlam Building, corner of Andries and Pretorius Streets.

**Branch President:** Lionel Bibb.

**Branch Reporter:** Patricia Harvey.

The Relief Society sisters held a successful cake sale on September 27. The proceeds were in aid of Sunday School funds.

On October 6 little Calman Lion-Cachet was blessed.

Brother Harold Brotherton had an operation on his hand and spent a few days in hospital.

On October 10 the M.I.A. held a branch picnic. A very enjoyable and eventful day was spent, particularly by Elder Carlos Smith. He fell into the river, fully clothed and lost his shoe; then he injured his knees in the men's races. Traveling home, we ran into a cloudburst that held us up for several hours. Brother Lionel Bibb, while driving Mr. Richards' car, found himself in the river instead of the road, but there was no serious mishap.

Most of the branch went to Ramah for district conference on October 13. Brother and Sister Lionel Bibb and Sister Christine Rautenbach, from our branch, participated on the programme.

**PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH**

Meetings: 40 Prospect Road, Walmer.

Branch President: C. R. Doller; phone 7620.

Branch Reporter: Madge McHugh.

During the month we had the privilege of witnessing the baptism of three new members. They were Sister Smith, Sister Barnett and Brother Clive Puffet. Elder I. K. Burbank baptized them. We welcome them into the branch.

Saturday, October 19, the Sunday School held a film evening to swell the Christmas Tree Fund. President and Sister Fisher, with Sister Kriste Miller and Sister Jean McGill attended after their arrival from Cape Town. We were taken back to the days and the antics of silent films.

The next day was district conference. Elder Orr and Elder Harper visited us from East London.

In the morning session the speakers were: Sister McGill, Sister Miller and Elder Harper. Missionary conference was held in the afternoon. Brother and Sister Doller had their new baby blessed by President Fisher in the morning service.

In the evening session we heard talks from Sister Fisher, Elder Orr and President Fisher. We were happy to have several investigators and members turn up at each service.

**NORTH WESTERN BRANCH**

Meeting: 87—8th Street, Parkhurst, Johannesburg.

Branch President: William Brummer; Phone 27-1407.

Branch Reporter: J. H. Wagner.

October has been a quiet month for North Western, but things are again beginning to move.

On account of the weather it was found necessary to postpone our proposed Braaiivlies. It has, however, not been abandoned.

We are now busy making arrangements to hold one of our sacrament meetings at Ramah. As our membership is not large enough to fill the Hall, members of all other Transvaal branches will be invited.

One of the outstanding items we must mention is that the North Western Relief Society was congratulated on obtaining a 100% attendance during the month of September.

**STATISTICS****BAPTISMS**

**BRAITHWAITE, David** (Krugersdorp) b. Elder Wm. Ray Bennett, c. Elder Ray M. Stevensen; September 29, 1957.

**JACOBS, May** (Krugersdorp) b. Elder Larry Nelson, c. Elder William R. Bennett; September 29, 1957.

**McCOUN, Patrick William** (Salisbury) b. Elder David C. LeBaron, c. Elder Larry E. Dahl; September 22, 1957.

**HOUGHTON, Peter Douglass** (Salisbury) b. Elder David C. LeBaron, c. Elder Larry E. Dahl, September 22, 1957.

**VOLKER, Myrtle Violet** (Durban) b. Elder G. C. Valgardson, c. Elder D. C. Butler; September 22, 1957.

**MILNS, Sheldene Frances** (Durban) b. Elder Alan B. Harker, c. Elder D. C. Butler; September 22, 1957.

**VOLKER, Herbert Ferdinand** (Durban) b. Elder C. K. Lybbert, c. Elder G. C. Valgardson, September 22, 1957.

**PUFFETT, Clive Brian** (Port Elizabeth) b. Elder I. K. Burbank, c. Elder S. R. Jones, October 6, 1957.

**BARNETT, Eugene Marguerite Wiehahn** (Port Elizabeth) b. Elder I. K. Burbank, c. Elder H. J. Beazer, October 6, 1957.

**SMITH, Minnie Mary** (Port Elizabeth) b. Elder I. K. Burbank, c. Elder I. K. Burbank; October 6, 1957.

**TYLER, Lionel Royston** (Springs) b. Elder R. E. Futter, c. I. C. Louw; September 29, 1957.

**WALLACE, William Francis Joseph** (Ramah) b. Elder Dan L. Chipman, c. Elder Carlos Wood Smith; August 18, 1957.

**BLESSINGS**

**SCHONNBERG, Gavin**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey L. Schonberg of Salisbury, by President G. G. Fisher, September 2, 1957.

**OOSTHUIZEN, Jean**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry James Oosthuizen of Cape district, by Elder K. L. Hadfield, July 7, 1957.

**McCOUN, Patrick William**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. McCoun, of Salisbury, by Elder Larry E. Dahl, September 16, 1957.

**LION-CACHET, Calman**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jan Lion-Cachet of Pretoria, by Elder Carlos W. Smith, October 6, 1957.

**SHAW, David Goodwin**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Goodwin Shaw of Salisbury, by Elder David C. LeBaron, October 6, 1957.

**SHAW, Alexander John Goodwin**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Goodwin Shaw of Salisbury, by Elder Larry E. Dahl, October 6, 1957.

**RUTHERFORD, Norman Roy**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Rutherford of Johannesburg, by Elder Norman G. Muir, October 6, 1957.

**NINOW, Gregory Don**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ninow of Johannesburg, by Don Roy Ninow, October 6, 1957.

**SCHLEBUSCH, Cathrina Audrianna**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhardus M. Schlebusch, by Elder Kay H. Salmon, October 5, 1957.

**SCHEMPER, Henry Walter**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Johannes Schemper, of Springs, by Elder Kay H. Salmon, October 5, 1957.

**McLELLAN, Beverley May**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hector McLellan of Durban, by Hiram H. McLellan, October 6, 1957.

**FISHER, Sandra Lynn**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Fisher of Durban, by Gordon R. Willson, October 6, 1957.

**DEATHS**

**Edwin Joseph Jakins** died 24th September, 1957, at Triangle Farm, Eerste River.

**ORDINATIONS TO PRIESTHOOD**

**TROLLIP, Sidney Robert**, October 6, 1957, by John H. Everton — Teacher.

**MILNE, Robert Lloyd**, October 16, 1957, by Bernard V. Milne — Elder.

**EVERTON, Patrick Cyril**, October 6, 1957, by Leonard J. Griffith — Priest.

**EVERTON, Eric Neville**, October 6, 1957, by Ernest H. Doller — Teacher.

**SEEMAN, John Edgar Deans**, September 29, 1957, by William H. Brummer — Deacon.

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